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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Sighting of One American and Five Vietnamese Prisoners  
in Ba Xuyen Province



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1. In October 1970 [redacted] was told by [redacted] of the Ke Sach district, VC Can Tho province, [redacted] that an American helicopter, with four men, had crashed in Phung Hiep district and that two of the men had been killed and two, including one Negro, captured.\*

[redacted] VC Can Tho province includes Government of Vietnam (GVN) Phong Dinh and part of An Giang, Ba Xuyen and Chuong Thien provinces. The Joint Personnel Recovery Center lists one helicopter crash on 9 April 1970. All personnel were recovered except one white SP4. The U.S. Army mortuary has partial remains believed to be those of this man.

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2. [REDACTED] 1971, [REDACTED] to a camp located at WR013902 in Trinh Thanh Number 2 hamlet, Ba Trinh village, Ke Sach district, Ba Xuyen province. [REDACTED] g the only house in the camp [REDACTED] one American Negro and five Vietnamese prisoners. They were the only prisoners in the camp.

3. The American had long black curly hair hanging around his neck, a large build, and was tall. He was chained by his right leg to a dead tree in a room separate from the others. \* All prisoners had leg chains and there were armed guards at the front and rear doors. The prisoners were not allowed to talk. \*\*

4. The camp was located approximately 300 meters from the Kinh Cui Canal, at the intersection of three paths that lead to the canal. It contained only one thatched house, approximately 6 x 6 x 3 meters. The house was divided into two rooms by a straw wall. The only light came in through the front and rear doors. It was guarded by about six armed guards. [REDACTED] was told that the area was mined. \*\*\*

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